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CONTINUED ROAD CONSTRUCTION
LAI CHAU/DIEN BIEN PHU
NORTH VIETNAM

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS CONNECTING LAI CHAU AND DIEN BIEN PHU IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS THE FOLLOWING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ALONG ROUTE 191 AND AN UNNUMBERED ROUTE RUNNING SOUTH FROM LAI CHAU TO CONNECT WITH ROUTE 191:

INSERT #1, 2153N 10308E, DEPICTS A NEWLY SURFACED SEGMENT OF ROUTE 191.

INSERT #2, 2144N 10305E, DEPICTS A SEGMENT OF THE ROAD PRESENTLY BEING SURFACED.

INSERT #3, 2134N 10301E, SHOWS ONE OF SEVERAL BRIDGES UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT MAIN RIVER CROSSINGS ON ROUTE 191. A TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINE IS OBSERVED AT THIS POINT PARALLEL TO ROUTE 191.

INSERT #4, 2123N 10300E, PORTRAYS THE USE OF FORDS PENDING COMPLETION OF THESE BRIDGES, AND THE JUNCTION OF ROUTE 191 AND ROUTE 19.

3. REMARKS:

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ROADS CONNECTING LAI CHAU AND DIEN BIEN PHU WILL BE COMPLETE WITH THE SURFACING OF THE FIVE REMAINING SEGMENTS OF ROUTE 191, COMPRISING TWELVE NM, THE COMPLETION OF SEVERAL BRIDGES ALONG THIS ROUTE, AND THE SURFACING OF SEVEN NM OF THE UNNUMBERED ROUTE SOUTH OF LAI

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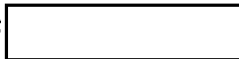
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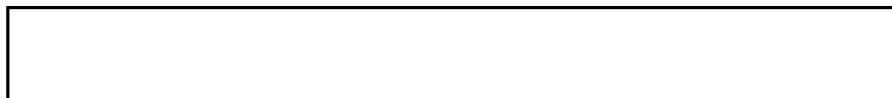
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CHAU. COMPLETION OF THESE ROADS WILL PROVIDE A LINK IN A NEW MAJOR LOGISTICAL SUPPLY ROUTE FROM THE CHINESE BORDER INTO LAOS.

CHINESE AID TO NORTH VIETNAM'S ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM HAS BEEN CONCENTRATED IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY HA NOI, MONG CAI IN THE NORTHEAST, AND LAO CAI AND LAI CHAU IN THE NORTHWEST. THE MAJOR EFFORT HAS BEEN TO IMPROVE EXISTING HIGHWAY CONNECTIONS WITH CHINA.



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